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Standing tall! Headquarters Company falls in for the  
Change of Command on 28 October 2002.  
(More pictures inside.)

## Commander's Column



- Headquarters Soldiers, Family, and Civilians; Seasons Greetings

I want to start off my first newsletter by personally thanking everyone for the fine welcome I received from the entire company and battalion. The change-of-command ceremony was first-rate and set the standard for the entire post. I

truly feel fortunate to take command of such a fine company. I also want to thank everyone for the welcome given to 1SG Brownson and his family. It is never easy for a company to change over both commander and first sergeant, but we were able to do it with no change in the fast pace of operations that is the hallmark of this company and that is due to the outstanding section NCOs and junior leaders we have.

Much has occurred in the short time I have been at the helm of the Headhunters. First, was the Neighborhood Street Watch during Halloween. It was a success in no small part due to the efforts of 1SG Brownson, MSG Burden, SFC Baker, SFC Simpson, SSG Gaynor, and SSG Castillo who maintained a safe environment for all trick-or-treaters. Also, the presence of headquarters soldiers in the Veteran Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> instilled a sense of pride in the in community as well as the many veterans that were that were in attendance. More recently I was privileged to see headquarters standing tall and looking good at the recent 112<sup>th</sup> Brigade Change-of-Position ceremony where we bid farewell to CSM Dee K. Barnett and welcomed CSM Maureen Johnson to Ft. Huachuca. Oh yes, did I fail to mention how headquarters company received the CG's Marching Guidon from last October's Post Retirement Ceremony? This is awarded to the unit that marches the best and conducts the best drill and ceremony. Even though this occurred shortly before I took command, it is still a great accomplishment that I want to mention.

As we approach the Holiday Season, it is important to remember those things that make this time of the year so special. Things like family, the spirit of giving, and of giving thanks for that which we have. Unfortunately, there are some families out there who may not have as much. Programs such as the Christmas Angle Tree, the Food Basket, and Adopt-a-Soldier Holiday Meal Program are just a few of the ways available to provide some cheer to those less

fortunate. This year's Holiday Party will be a brigade event that involve a lot of fun and games for kids young and old, so be sure to The spirit of giving is a trait of most all Americans this time of year have in common and Headquarters is no exception as we have contributed over \$12,000 to this year's Combined Federal Campaign, my thanks to everyone involved.

As happy a time of year this is, it is tempered by several losses within the company and brigade. My condolences go out to; Mr. Roger Carroll (DHS Operations Officer from the Strategic Debrief course) who lost his mother on October 28, CPT Jones and his family from the 304<sup>th</sup> for the loss of their 4 year old daughter late last October, SFC Paul Simpson (OCMI) and his wife Michelle for the loss of her mother early in November, and to the family and friends of SSG Courtney Herring (B/304<sup>th</sup>) who was taken from us last November 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again, my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Also, we need to always keep in mind those who cannot be together with their family due to deployments and the ongoing campaign against terrorism and tyranny. It is because of the sacrifices that these soldiers and civilians make that we shall ultimately be victorious.

Finally, as we near the December Exodus, keep in mind that as important as it is to enjoy the holidays and new year, it is just as important to be safe. Drinking and driving is never a good idea and neither is taking to the nation's highways while tired or overly fatigued. Too many of our loved ones are lost or seriously injured during this time of year due to traffic accidents and for lapses in judgment. It is far better to get to your destination a little bit later than planned than not get there at all. As I close, I want again to wish every member of the Headhunter family Season's Greetings and a very Happy New Year.

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## Top's Corner



Some people, no matter where they are, no matter whom they are with, no matter what they are doing, are content. They find happiness in the simplest of things and the most difficult of circumstances. They are in control of their lives.

Fort Huachuca during the holidays is a time where training slows down. Christmas exodus is fast approaching. There is no better time to look inward at yourself and examine who you are. Connect with your spiritual self or whatever your value system is.

Look at who you are, not just as a soldier, but also as a citizen and a human being. We all have talents and contributions to offer. Look at them and decide what type of person, soldier, and leader you want to be.

Everyone has something to be thankful for. Look to the good things in your life and the opportunities in the not so good. Be thankful for them.

Be thankful for the country you live in. The United States of America is a nation of many freedoms. You may practice any religion you desire. You may choose to strive for any profession. You may travel and live where want.

Be thankful for your family, big or small, with you at Fort Huachuca or not. The Army is a second family to many of us. Friends are easy to come by in the military because of what we share. Not just the frequent moves and the jobs we do, but our values; the values of honesty, patriotism and selfless service.

Finally, be thankful for the many people and things you meet and experience everyday.

I wish everyone the best of holidays.

1SG Brownson

## Family Readiness Group Update By Jennifer Flower Co-Chair, 306<sup>th</sup> MI BN FRG

It has been a great year for the FRG. And as we move into the last days of 2002 we are hard at work trying to make the holidays special for all of our soldiers and families.

We hope you will attend the Brigade Holiday Party on Sunday, December 15, from 1300-1600 at Murr Rec Center. Admission to the party is just one plate of cookies. There will be activities for the kids, pictures with Santa, refreshments and an opportunity to celebrate the holidays with your Brigade family. We are also working on care packages for all of our single soldiers as well as those that are deployed over the holidays. If you have questions about these activities or would like to help in anyway, please call me at 452-0185.

Our regular business meeting has been cancelled for December. Our regularly scheduled meetings will begin again in January. The FRG meets the third Monday of every month at 1800 in the Main Post Chapel. Every member of the battalion, including their family members, is invited and encouraged to join us. There is a potluck dinner following the meeting, so bring your family and a covered dish and help us make the 306<sup>th</sup> MI BN FRG the best it can be. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact either myself at 452-0185, or Bridget Krause at 439-9782. Call anytime!

## Command Voice

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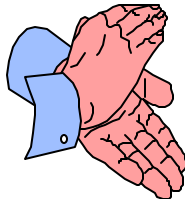


# What's New

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### Promotions:

SFC Simpson - SFC Long  
SPC Monahan - PV2 Donahue  
PFC McCarthy - SGT Tsering  
SPC Verrett - CPT Olmstead  
LTC Arquette - CPT Hatcher  
CPT Summers - MSG Owens



MAJ Rudkin - BG Custer - W01 Francis

### Soldier/NCO of the Month

SPC Flower was Company Soldier of the Month for September.  
SGT Rogers was Company NCO of the Month for September.  
PFC Jefferson was Company Soldier of the Month for October.  
CPL Gray was Company NCO of the Month for October.

### Course Graduates:

SFC Camarillo, SFC Smith, D. - ANCOC  
SSG Fussell - SAT  
SSG Evans, SSG Long, SSG Sills - BITC  
SFC Key - Drill Sergeant  
SSG Jaillite - BNCOC  
SGT Walter - PLDC  
W01 Francis - Warrant Officer Candidate



### Births:

Congratulations to:  
SSG Adkinson and family on the birth of your son Isaiah on 27 August 2002.  
SPC Verrett and family on the birth of your daughter Brianna on 23 September 2002.  
SGT Kunkel and family on the birth of your daughter Cailee on 26 September 2002.  
And Mr. Walsh, on the birth of your daughter Keara on 4 October 2002.



### Hails:

SFC Griffor - Quality Assurance  
SGT Parks - Command Group

CPT Salazar (Welcome Back!) - SJA

SFC Johnson - Equal Opportunity

SFC Raysor - FCD                      SSG Castillo - SJA

PV2 Bishop - Digital Training

Mr. Chung - QAO

MAJ Martinez - Digital Training

CPT Stafford - SJA                      PFC Nine - Battalion S-1

SFC Malepeai - Inspector General

SSG Paulsen - FCD                      SFC Cassidy - FCD

PFC Loop - Digital Training

1SG Brownson - Company 1SG

SPC Taylor - Battalion S-1

SSG Molinar - Command Group

PFC Haynes - SJA                      SPC Hernandez - SJA

MAJ Corey - Battalion S-3

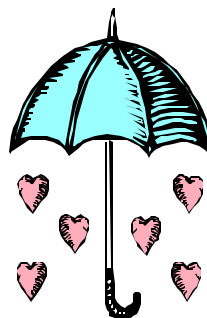
PFC Hawthorne - Battalion S-4

Mr. Craig - Quality Assurance

CW2 Rodriguez - FCD

### Farewells:

SGT Chambers - Command Group  
1SG Dass - Reserve Affairs  
SFC Turner - FCD  
SGT Beal - Chapel  
SGT Byers - FCD  
SFC Collins - Reserve Affairs  
SFC Key - Quality Assurance  
SFC Johnson - Inspector General



SGT Mayo - Digital Training

MSG Moorer - Equal Opportunity

CH Nitschke - Chapel

SSG Rubin - Command Group                      SFC Stephens - FCD

SFC Strauss - Inspector General

MAJ Becker - Digital Training

SGT Drye - Chapel                      CH Koppell - Chapel

SGT Thompson - Command Group

## From the desk of the Battalion Commander:



In this first six months of command, I have witnessed an awesome change in our Battalion. Soldiers, civilians and families have all come together to make this unit the best on Fort Huachuca! Our Family Readiness Group is going strong, our housing sponsorship is excellent and our over-all care for our people is unmatched. Keep up the great work!

Since my last article, our Battalion conducted events in support of each of the above listed areas. Our Medieval Festival in October was a blast. Kids games, grown up kids games and re-enactors were the highlights. Soldiers worked with the local Boy Scout Troop to put up a basketball court in the Hall Circle Housing Area and we worked together to ensure our personnel were taken care of over the upcoming holidays. Our deployed soldiers received package and our families are taken care of.

We said farewell to many folks including our Battalion

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## OCMI

Headquarters Company would like to welcome its newest directorate: the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence (OCMI). The OCMI mission is to manage the MI personnel force life cycle and the MI force structure. HQ Co soldiers assigned to OCMI:

LTC Fatzinger  
CPT O'Grady  
CPT Summers  
CW5 Castleton  
SGM Crossman  
MSG Good  
SFC Baker  
SFC Branch  
SFC Bonesteel  
SFC Montes  
SFC Schweitzer  
SFC Simpson

## Battalion CSM's Corner



Greetings to all the soldiers, civilians, and contractors of the 306th MI Bn. It is always a great opportunity to speak to you all and to share my thoughts with you. First of all, let me take time out to thank you for all that you do on a daily basis as members of this

battalion. Your efforts most certainly do not go without notice. Thank you for your selfless service and dedication to duty that you provide to our team. I also invite you to step back and evaluate what you are doing from time to time, to ensure that you are staying on track. If you find an area that needs work, be a professional and tighten it up. Remember, the chain is only as strong as it's weakest link.

As you know, the holiday season is approaching. Thanksgiving and Christmas are very special times of the year for family and friends. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. I would like to remind all leaders that there are soldiers out there that require our help. The risk of suicide always increases during this time of the year. Whether it may be a food basket, the Christmas Angel Tree Program, the Adopt-a-Soldier Holiday Meal Program, or just a listening ear, check your companies, sections, platoons, teams and soldiers to ensure that those who may need our help, receive our help. I would also like to encourage all of the 306th MI Bn family to make it a point to spend as much of this quality time as they can with family and friends. Take the time to reflect back over your life. Always remember the reason for the season, as well as our fellow soldiers who are in harm's way fighting terrorism.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

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## Photo Gallery



*Clockwise from above left:* LTC Costello leads the 306th MI Bn during the Veterans' Day Parade. 1SG Burden, PFC Nix, and PV2 Medrano at the front during the HQ Co Change of Command. SSG Harris and PFC Jefferson stagger in after finding all 7 points. 1SG Brownson takes charge of HQ Co for the first time.

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Operations Officer, Major Jim Porter and his family. They are off to Germany. Good luck! We also welcomed many new folks into our family including our new Battalion Operations Officer Major Dan Corey and his wife Beth. They are a great addition to our team.

As we go into this holiday season, I ask all families to ensure they are safe. Remember to take care while traveling. Stop and rest while driving. It is better to arrive late, than not arriving at all. Remember that big game hunting is taking place, so be careful when enjoying the outdoor activities available to us here at Fort Huachuca. While we are enjoying time with our families, please remember those who are deployed supporting our nation. Keep them in your thoughts and hope that they all return to us safely.

Once again, thank you very much for all the hard work you do. Your support is what makes this a great battalion!!

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